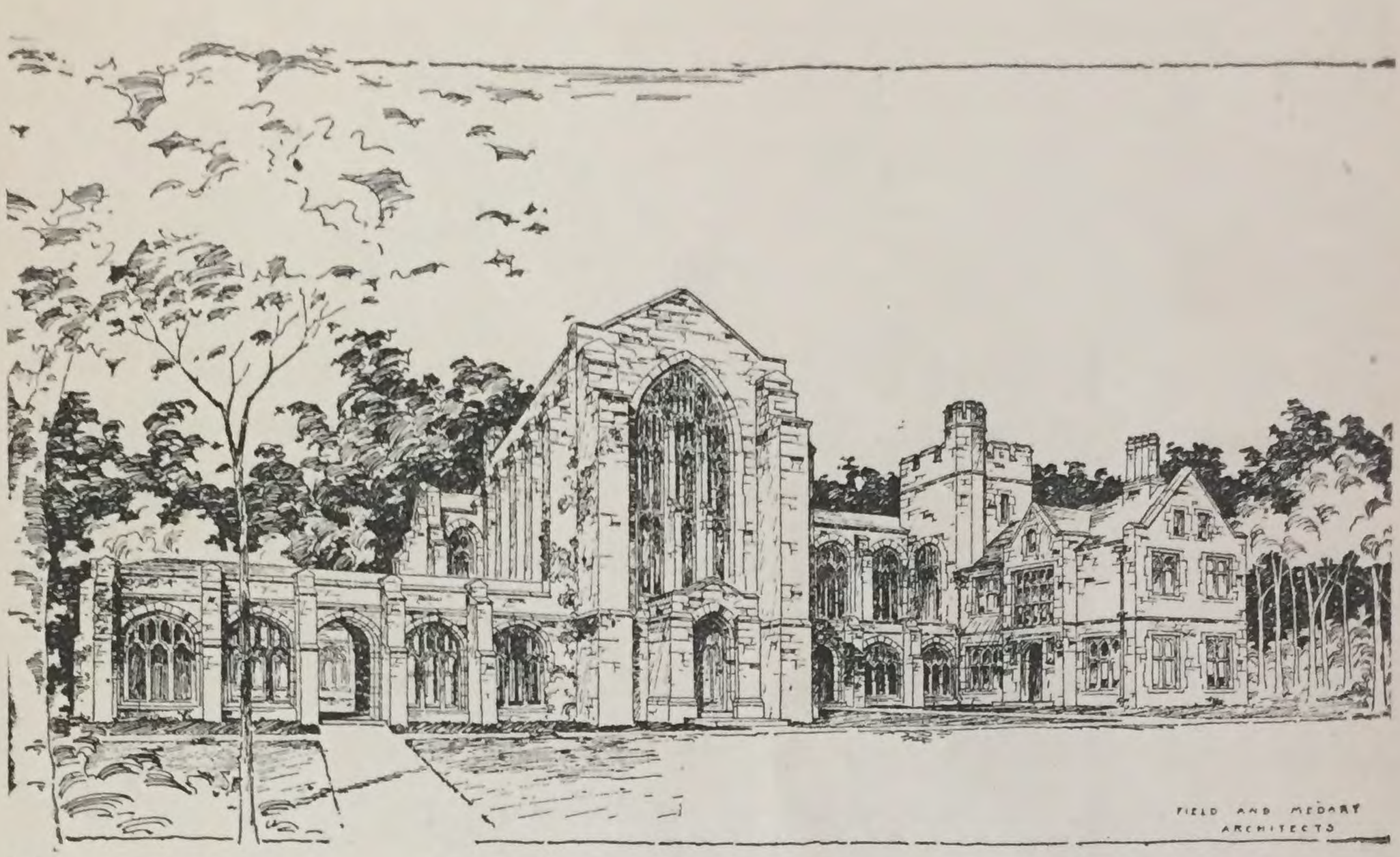


Cloister of the Colonies, Washington Memorial Chapel, Patriots' Hall. Tower and Rectory.

"No spot on earth—not the plains of Marathon, nor the passes of Sempach, nor the place of the Bastile, nor the dykes of Holland, nor the moors of England, are so sacred in the history of the struggles for human liberty as Valley Forge."

—CYRUS TOWNSEND BRADY.

ALL SAINTS' RECTORY,
Norristown, Pa.,
September 26, 1905.

A very important part of the group of buildings which has been planned for Valley Forge in connection with the Washington Memorial Chapel, now in course of erection, is the Patriots' Hall. The ever growing interest in Valley Forge, and the enlargement and improvement of the Park, annually increases the number of patriotic pilgrims who find inspiration in the hills and valleys con-

secrated by the struggle of Washington and his starving troops. As time goes on, patriotic and historical societies will desire to hold their meetings on this sacred soil. To make this possible, and at the same time to provide for the comfort and convenience of large gatherings, it is proposed to erect the Patriots' Hall, memorial of the patriots of the past, the common meeting place of the patriots of the present.

This will be connected with the Washington Memorial Chapel, and will contain on the first floor the vestry and choir rooms, etc., for the use of the clergy and choirs of the Chapel. The public rooms will be a banquet hall and library. The former will be connected with ample kitchens on the floor below, and will be at the service of such societies as choose to spend a day at Valley Forge. The library will afford a suitable place for historical research, as an effort will be made to place upon its shelves such books as deal with the history of our country, and especially with the War of the Revolution and the winter at Valley Forge.

On the second floor there will be a hall arranged to accommodate several hundred people. Its windows will be memorials of those whose patriotism was worthy of emulation. Around its walls will be the cases for a collection of objects illustrative of American history, the nucleus of which will be the valuable collection of Indian relics, given for this purpose by the late Rev. Jesse Y. Burk, S. T. D.

The approach to the Hall will be under the "Porch of the Allies," each bay of which will be a memorial of those, like Lafayette and Steuben, who came across the seas to aid the American cause. The Tower between the Patriots' Hall and Rectory will give access to the assembly room and museum on the second floor, and will serve as an observatory and bell tower. From its height there will be a superb view of the encampment and of the surrounding country. Eventually a chime of thirteen bells will send their message of peace far and wide.

It is estimated that $50,000 will be required to complete and furnish the Patriots' Hall. The State will soon return to you, as a stockholder in the Valley Forge Memorial Association, the money which you paid several years ago

for the preservation of Washington's Headquarters. Your money then did good service for Valley Forge and the Nation. Why not devote it again to the same high purpose? Why not give it to the Building Fund of the Patriots' Hall at Valley Forge? Stock has already been pledged for this purpose, and it is hoped that all who hold shares will be willing to further this work by giving at least this much. The money so received will be placed in the Norristown Trust Company, to be held by it as Trustee until the fund shall amount to a sum sufficient to erect the entire Hall, or so much of it as will suffice for the accommodation of the patriotic and historical societies which may desire to meet at Valley Forge, when it shall be used in payment of the contracts duly approved by the Building Committee.

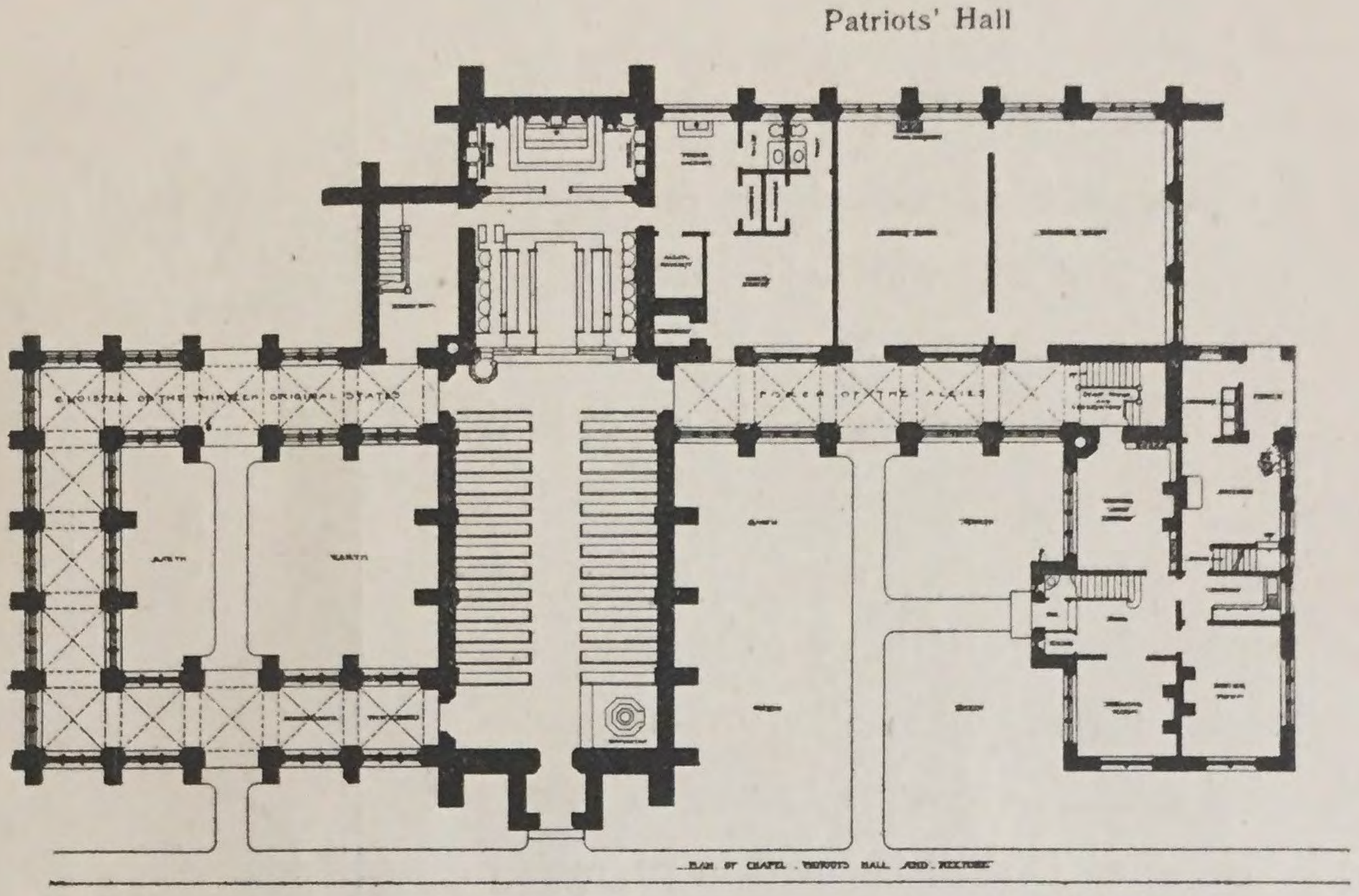
Porch of the Allies Patriots' Hall, Tower and Rectory.

If you will be willing to devote your share of the proceeds from the sale of the Washington Headquarters to the erection of the Patriots' Hall, please sign the enclosed card, stating the number of shares which you hold, and mail the same to the undersigned.

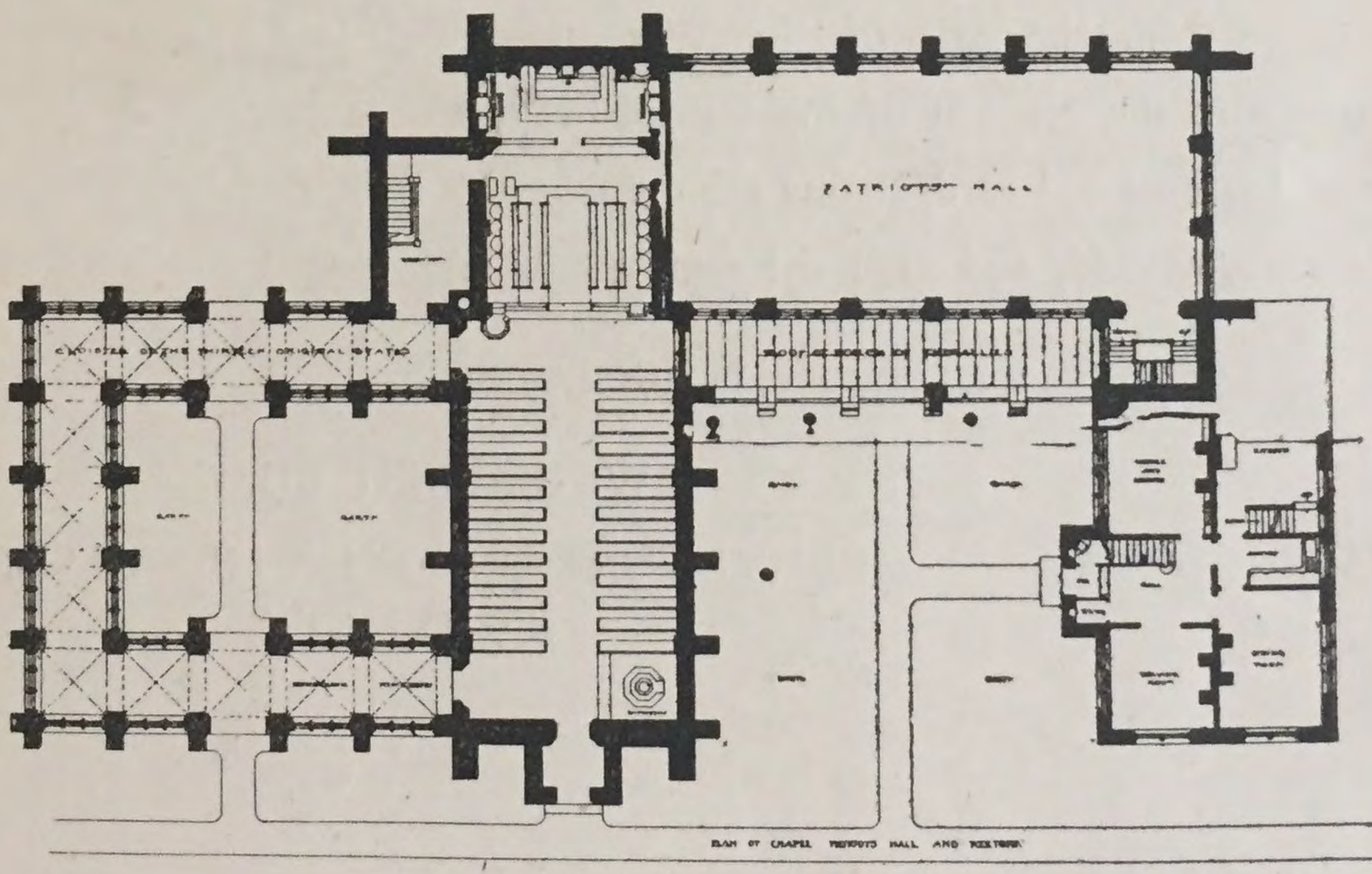
Faithfully yours,

W. HERBERT BURK,

Minister in Charge of the Washington Memorial Chapel,
Valley Forge.



First Floor Plan, showing position of the Patriots' Hall



Second Floor Plan